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FOR CONSUL HUFFMAN FROM AF/W

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SUBJECT: W/W: WINSTON, THAMES

1. ROBERT WARD, CUSTOMER SERVICES MANAGER, OF DORON PRECISION SYSTEMS, INC., BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK, INFORMED DEPARTMENT JUNE 30 THAT AFTER SEVERAL DAYS TRYING HE UNABLE REACH COMPANY REP, AMCIT WINSTON THAMES, CURRENTLY IN NIGERIA AND WISHED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE.

2. THAMES ARRIVED LAGOS MAY 21 TO INSTALL DRIVER SIMULATOR EQUIPMENT AT NIGERIAN ARMY BASE AT BENIN. PERSON IN CHARGE OF PROJECT FOR NIGERIAN ARMY IS GENERAL BENJAMIN A.M. ADEKUNLE WHO IS WELL KNOWN TO EMBASSY (ECON). WARD SAID THAMES CALLED FROM LAGOS JUNE 3 AND AT THAT TIME WARD AGREED THAT THAMES COULD EXTEND HIS STAY IN NIGERIA BEYOND ORIGINAL FEW DAYS AS GEN. ADEKUNLE HAD REQUESTED BUT SHOULD RETURN TO US BY JUNE 15.

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3. FIFTEEN DAYS PAST DUE DATE, NEITHER WARD NOR THAMES' FAMILY HAVE HEARD FROM HIM. IN CALL TO GENERAL ADEKUNLE THROUGH AGENT IN LONDON JUNE 30, WARD SAID ADELUNLE SPOKE EVASIVELY, AND DID NOT RELAY THAMES' WHEREABOUTS. ADEKUNLE SAID ONLY THAT THAMES HAD BEEN TRYING TO CALL WITHOUT SUCCESS. COMPANY OFFICIALS AND

THAMES' FAMILY BEGINNING TO WORRY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE REPORT SOONEST REGARDING THAMES' WELL BEING AND PLANNED DEPARTURE DATE IF HE CAN BE LOCATED. GENERAL ADEKUNLE MAY BE GOOD STARTING POINT FOR ANSWERS.

5. NOTICE - PRIVACY ACT AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED IN CASES WHERE INFORMATION IS TO BE RELAYED BY DEPARTMENT OR POST TO INQUIRER.

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